

**MELISSA VIRUS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on The Melissa Virus: Inoculating Our Information Technology from Emerging Threats. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure and Protection Center, FBI, Department of Justice; Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, GAO; and a public witness.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported amended H.E. 999, Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved 6 Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 999, Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 1999.

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action 6 Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
READINESS FOR YEAR 2000**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the readiness of the Department of Veterans Affairs for Year 2000, including emergency medical facility preparedness and coordination with FEMA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO: Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems; and Nabajyoti Barkakati, Technical Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Scientist; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Thomas Phelps, Project Manager, Central Office Audit Operations Division; Hershel Gober, Deputy Secretary; Ernest D. Castro, Year 2000 Program Manager; Sally L. Wallace, Program Manager, Year 2000, Veterans Benefits Administration; Leonard R. Bourget, Project Manager, Year 2000; and Steven Wexler, Chief, Biomedical Engineering, both with the Veterans Health Administration; William K. Hubbard, Acting Deputy

Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

**SOCIAL SECURITY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the 1999 Social Security Trustees' Report. Testimony was heard from the following public members of the Social Security Board of Trustees: Stephen G. Kellison; and Marilyn Moon.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

Week of April 19 through April 24, 1999

**Senate Chamber**

Senate expects to consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* April 21, to hold hearings to review the recent report on the Federal Crop Insurance Program by the Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, 8:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 20, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 21, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 22, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 21, to hold hearings on issues relating to telecommunications and internet access, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 21, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR-253.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine boxing industry regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 20, to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on whether the United States has the natural gas supply and infrastructure necessary to meet projected demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 21, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings to review the Memorandum of Understanding signed by multiple agencies regarding the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration, 2 p.m., SD-366.

April 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 20, to hold hearings on the nomination of George T. Frampton, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 19, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on issues relating to the targeting of assets of drug kingpins, 3:45 p.m., SD-562.

April 20, Full Committee, to resume hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine NATO's 50th anniversary summit, 2 p.m., SD-562.

April 21, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000-2001 for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-562.

April 22, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea's prison camps, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* April 20, to hold hearings on the nominations of Eric T. Washington, to

be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Stephen H. Glickman, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 22, to hold hearings on issues relating to the Elementary Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 20, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 21, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 20, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 20, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, with the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings on domestic preparedness in the next generation, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on privacy issues surrounding the internet, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 21, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 1 p.m., SD-226.

April 22, Full Committee, business meeting to resume consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* April 21, to hold hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: April 20, to hold hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs contingency plans for the year 2000, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem*: April 22, to hold hearings on issues relating to the oil industry and Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, April 22, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, April 20, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 20 and 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., on April 20 and 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on April 21, 2358 Rayburn.

April 20 and 21, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Interior, on Florida Initiative, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, April 20, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, joint hearing on reporting requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 and related statutes, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 authorizations for the international financial institutions and related programs, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, April 20, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Security at the Department of Energy's Laboratories: The Perspective of the General Accounting Office, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Reliability and Transmission in Competitive Electricity Markets, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing on Identity Theft: Is There Another You? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, April 20, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on

Employer Health Plan Accountability: Do Participants Have Adequate Protections? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following: H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act; and the Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 905, Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act; and H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, April 22, hearing on Welfare Reform Is Working: A Report on State and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, April 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Embattled State of U.S.-China Relations: Assessing the Zhu Rongji Visit, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, hearing on the Need for New and Effective Policing in Northern Ireland, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 20, 21 and 22, to markup the following bills: H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 11 a.m., on April 20, 10:15 a.m., on April 21 and 10 a.m., on April 22, 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, April 20, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to markup pending business; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; a measure to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and a measure to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following: the Forest Roads, Community

Right to Know; and H.R. 898, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, April 21, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Extension of Space Launch Indemnification, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Genetics Testing in the New Millennium: Advances, Standards and Implications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 23, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the continuing need to conserve natural resources because of their limited nature, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 21, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to markup the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, to mark up the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 21, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

April 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing on the suspension of medical research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in West Los Angeles and Spulveda, California, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the issue of long-term care for veterans, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Coverage Decisions and Beneficiary Appeals, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Child Protection, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.